

HAYLON SAYS MURDER.

Young Rodriguez Beaten to Death by the Infuriated Crowd at the Prize Fight.

The Fractured Skull and Other Injuries Could Not Have Resulted from Blows by Bare Fists.

WERE IRON MISSILES THE WEAPONS?

Two of the Participants Committed by the Coroner and Two Others Held as Witnesses—A Young Girl's Death Adds Romance to the Tragedy.

Additional paths is added to the death of Enriquez or Henry Rodriguez, twenty-two years old, who was killed in a prize fight, as reported in the Journal yesterday, by the fact that the young girl recognized as his sweetheart lies dead in an apartment on the upper floor of the tenement house No. 223 Second avenue, where the Rodriguez family live.

Dr. O'Hanlon performed an autopsy on the body of young Rodriguez last night and determined that death was not caused by the blows of his opponent's fists, but that he had been beaten with bits of gaspne heavy blunt instruments, and kicked with heavy shoes. And it was after all this that the body of Rodriguez was carried six blocks through the streets without attracting the attention of the police and laid at his father's door.

The autopsy acquainted the police with the fact that a murder had been committed. The young pugilist died from a hemorrhage of the posterior lobe of the brain, a clot of blood forming back of the left ear. There was also a small fracture of the skull over the right eye, the nose broken at the bridge, teeth marks were found in the arms, heavy bruises on the body and arms and a wound on the head, said Dr. O'Hanlon, "could have been caused by blows of a bat, either covered with gloves or bare. Blunt, heavy, ironed weapons were used."

It was while the police of the East One Hundred and Fourth Street Station, who are charged with the duty of keeping watch over the prize fight, were keeping watch on Friday night over Harrison Street Hall, at the foot of East One Hundred and Fourth Street, that the fight between Rodriguez and his opponent took place. The fight was held in the top left of the stable at No. 414 East One Hundred and Fourth Street, between Rodriguez and his opponent, who was known as "The Bull" and was a little before midnight on Friday that one of the principals was dead.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIGHT.

The fight was for a purse of \$20, one-half to go to each of the principals. An admission of 25 cents was charged, but only \$10 could be raised, making \$3 for each contestant. The purse, as the police have learned, did not suit Michael Gluto, the brother of Rodriguez, who was charged with the fight, and who was charged with Rodriguez, and he drew out and John Shagner, who looks at least four years older than he is, took his place. There were about fifty witnesses to the fight, which lasted for ten rounds.

Thomas Russell, twenty years old, of No. 207 Third avenue, who was arrested on the suspicion that he was the referee, was discharged by Magistrate Crane, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday. Henry Korman, Shagner's second, nineteen years old, of No. 338 East One Hundred and Seventh Street, who was arrested on the suspicion that he was the referee, was discharged by Magistrate Crane, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday. Henry Korman, Shagner's second, nineteen years old, of No. 338 East One Hundred and Seventh Street, who was arrested on the suspicion that he was the referee, was discharged by Magistrate Crane, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday.

LITTLE CONVENTION CASH.

Chicago Has Raised but \$9,000 of the Expected \$50,000.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Cash subscriptions

to the desired \$50,000 fund which is expected to prove a coaching bait for the Democratic National Convention are not being received as fast as hoped for by the Finance Committee in charge of the work.

The sub-committee of hotel men started yesterday and obtained contributions of \$9,000, with some yet to be called on.

A few of the subscription agents have reported small responses, business men declining to open their purses because the convention would not benefit them directly and Chicago did not need it. The indifferent ones include prominent Democrats.

New York's big subscription list is discouraging to the Chicago committee, but they intend to push the work until the convention city is chosen.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

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Deputy Sheriff Butler yesterday received an execution against the De Long Hotel and Ice Company, of No. 615 Broadway, for \$945, in favor of Kahler & Co., for rent, and levied on the goods of the company.

Judgment for \$7,685 was obtained yesterday against the Chamberlain Cold Storage Company, of Scranton, Pa., in favor of Walter L. Murti, as treasurer of the Gate Ridge Store Company, of Scranton, Pa., for merchandise.

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STRONG FINED PAWNBROKERS.

George Weaver Had to Pay \$150 for Two Violations—Other Cases.

Mayor Strong had twenty-three pawnbrokers before him yesterday on complaint of Detective Deane, of the Parkhurst Society, who charged them with extortion in making more than the legal charge for interest on goods that had been pledged.

There were two charges against George Weaver, of No. 406 Ninth avenue, one for charging twelve cents more than the law allows for taking extra care of some clothing, and which he had loaned a small amount, and the other for disposing of some goods at a private, instead of a public auction, as provided by law. He was fined \$50 on the first and \$100 on the second charge, which the Mayor characterized as a "flagrant violation of the law. Several others were fined \$50 each on the "extra care" charge.

The Mayor declared he was determined to break up the practice of pawnbrokers charging more than the legal rate, and would take every man's license away who was arraigned on a second complaint and found guilty.

CORSET MANUFACTURERS FAIL.

Dull Trade and Poor Collections Force H. & S. Strauss to Assign.

Henry S. and Samuel Strauss, composing the firm of H. & S. Strauss, manufacturers of corsets at No. 456 Broadway, with a factory at Newark, N. J., made an assignment yesterday to Edmund E. Wise, of No. 44 Broad Street. The business has been established twenty years and was carried on by Helmer & Strauss up to August 21, 1884, when Mr. Helmer withdrew.

Platzek, Strook & Herzog, their attorneys, said that the failure was established by dull trade, poor collections, small profits and injudicious investments, but the immediate cause was the refusal of discounts from sources on which the firm had heretofore relied. They have turned over all their property, co-partnership and individual, to the assignee, who has already begun an inventory.

A meeting of creditors will be called shortly, when a substantial offer of \$20,000 will be made by the firm. Platzek, Strook & Herzog estimate the liabilities at \$200,000 and the nominal assets exceed that amount. The actual assets are believed to consist of stock of goods, raw material and outstanding accounts.

MONOPOLY IN VAUDEVILLE.

Hyde & Behman Buy the Star and Control the Situation in Brooklyn.

Hyde & Behman have secured control of the Star Theatre, in Brooklyn, which gives them a monopoly of the variety theatre business in that city. The Star is on Jay Street, in the heart of the business section.

It was built by John N. Holmes in 1881, out of a fortune amassed in the field of cheap amusements enterprises begun with the old Olympic Theatre, which he rechristened the Standard.

A year ago the Star opened under the management of Walter Sanford as lessee, but the melodrama of the 10, 20 and 30 cent sort did not thrive, and before the close of the season Mr. Sanford forfeited the theatre, which called for \$22,000 rent. When the owner announced, at the beginning of the present season, that he would add his house to the theatre circuit and introduced the continuous variety performances in Brooklyn, Hyde & Behman, who had long enjoyed a monopoly of the vaudeville patronage, which has won large fortunes for both, made overtures to Mr. Holmes. He declined their offer, having determined to continue the experiment. He did not succeed in doing anything but awakening sharp competition. The salary lists ran to enormous figures.

A few days ago Mr. Holmes purchased the ground upon which his theatre stood for \$75,000 from the Kerman estate and sold all his interest in the theatre to Hyde & Behman for \$125,000. They will make the Star a popular price house for the production of comedy and drama, which would be a bid for the productions and patronage now enjoyed by the Bijou Theatre.

Reynolds places the liabilities at \$150,000 and assets about \$70,000. All the creditors but one are in Europe.

Herman Hornebeck & Eber, manufacturers of furs, at No. 732 Broadway, made an assignment yesterday to Frank E. Simon, of No. 140 Broadway, for a discounted note. They started in business in April, 1890, with a capital of \$25,000, and were successful. Their attorney, said that the assignment was the result of the great depression in the fur trade, the firm having lost

KATZ WAS A PERJURER.

He Is the Man Who Says He Saw Nellis Push Mrs. Runnett into an Areaway.

Police Puzzled as to the Utilization of This New Discovery in the Case.

GOT SEVEN YEARS IN SING SING.

Katz Swore Falsely in an Alleged Arson Case—He Actually Describes Nellis's Appearance the Night of the Woman's Death.

Joseph Katz, the witness upon whose voluntary testimony Albert A. Nellis was rearrested Thursday, charged with the murder of Mrs. Jane Runnett, in front of his home, No. 251 West Seventy-sixth Street, on Saturday last week, has upon investigation turned out to be a man upon whose word the police cannot place the slightest reliance. He has but recently finished seven years' sentence in Sing Sing Prison for perjury, and while there are many points in his story which convince the police that he is telling the truth, they fear he would not be credited by a jury.

The complete story of the death of Mrs. Runnett has already been told. She had known Nellis for years. He had lived in her house, and, according to the police, maintained intimate relations with her. When he married Mrs. Blakely, the exchange, in June last, Mrs. Runnett became angry. She said she had certain claims upon him, followed him from place to place, and finally was found dead on the flagged area of his residence.

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slaughter-house. The latter pointed out a butcher store, the proprietor of which denied having ever seen him, or that he had ever sold bladders again. Lawyers and the House, who had been retained to defend the accused husband and wife, proved that the man's statement was false. Then the charge of perjury was preferred against him. There was no apparent reason for his conduct except that he wanted to become a "stool pigeon" for the police.

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